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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

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Coast Guard Festival 2013 – successful as always!

Despite scheduling issues, we had a good turnout and got it covered. Pictured here are Jeff KB8QAP, Phyllis KB8NLN, Allen WB0STV, Roger N8RXC, John KC8UNY, Don KB8ODB, Denny N8CTT and Ross N8GMV, making plans and waiting for breakfast.

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NOARC 2 meter repeater

W8CSO/R – 145.490 output, 144.890 input

Main RX: PL 94.8 – Grand Rapids RX: PL 91.5 – EchoLink: N8FQ-R #469574

NOARC 2013 QRP In The Park

It is August 15th, meeting time for the NOARC and the great outdoors is called for. At 6 pm, a few members arrived for the QRP meeting at the Ferry Park in Ferrysburg. The site is on the Spring Lake Western shore, and offers a variety of boats passing under the bridge. The occasional walkers, in the park, were intrigued with the sounds of Morse code emitting from Mark Sterns rig and the conversations coming from John Sundstrom's Yaesu rig.

Do all clubs have their antenna person? We have our Lou Meisch, who showed up three hours early to ensure that we had operating space. He also took two young teens under his wing. He explained and showed examples of our hobby.

Marks straight key brought in IA5/IZ5NF from Italy and from Florida ND9M.

Roger Simmons got into the act with the straight key and contacted W2TAW, Tommy Williams from Vincent Town, New Jersey.

John Sundstrom worked the teenage net with Phyllis Simmons and Lou Meisch. Next, they worked the Wolverine Net.

As the pleasant evening wore on, members enjoyed sitting and drinking coffee, eating brownies, cookies and chatted about the past and present events. Shortly after 8:15 the members gathered equipment and began departing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted : Phyllis & Roger Simmons

September 2013 calendar of events and net control schedule

Every Tuesday:

NOARC net/coffee at Russ' in Grand Haven
8:00 PM

Every Wednesday:

Breakfast at Idle Hour Restaurant in Spring Lake
7:00 AM

Every Saturday:

Breakfast at Vic's Restaurant in Spring Lake
7:00 AM

September 7:

GRAHamfest, Wyoming, MI
<http://www.w8dc.org>

Radio Expo 2013, Belvidere, IL
<http://www.chicagofmclub.org>

September 15:

Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI
<http://www.w8tqe.com>

September 19:

NOARC monthly business meeting
Spring Lake District Library

September 21:

GMARC Fall Trunk Swap and Raffle, Utica, MI
<http://www.gmarc.org>

NOARC net control schedule:

September 3: **John, KC8UNY**

September 10: **John, N8YQD**

September 17: **Phyllis, KB8NLN**

September 24: **Lou, N8KYO**

E-mail me at editor@w8cso.org if you want to get on the list for next month! See <http://www.w8cso.org/calendar> for updated information.

Swap 'n shop

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